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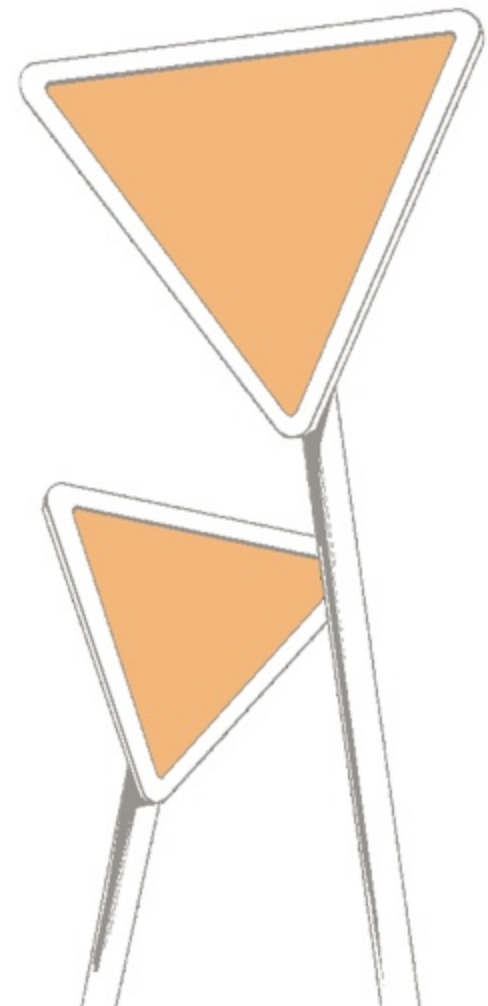

CHARACTERS

SHINTARO

A teenage boy who's been holed up in his house for the past two years.

MOMO

An ultra-popular singer with the "drawing eyes" ability. Shintaro's sister.

KANO

Friends with Kido and Seto since childhood. Possesses the "deceiving eyes" ability.

MARIE

A young Medusa whose "locking eyes" ability lets her freeze people in their tracks.

HIBIYA

A boy who's come to visit the neighborhood with Hiyori.

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A mysterious girl who approached Hibiya. Capable of projecting memories and emotions directly into people's brains.

ENE (Takane Enomoto)

An innocent, naive "digital girl" who's taken up residence in Shintaro's computer.

KIDO

Leader of the Mekakushi-dan. Possesses the "concealing eyes" ability.

SETO

A young man engaged in assorted part-time work. Possesses the "stealing eyes" ability.

KONOHA (Haruka Kokonose)

A young man who's lost his memory.

HIYORI

A girl who's come to visit Shintaro's neighborhood. A big fan of Momo.

STORY

The tale of the events of August 14 and 15.

Shintaro and Momo run into a pair of children, Hibiya and Hiyori. They soon become friends, but after relaying a cryptic message to Momo over the phone, Hiyori disappears. They later discover Hibiya alone and unconscious, but he has lost his memory of the past little while. On the same day, Shintaro and Momo come across Kido and Kano, who claim to be part of a secret organization. They are also pursuing Hibiya and Hiyori, and soon the entire group's goals, destinies, and anxieties crisscross each other—and it's all connected by a supernatural phenomenon known as "Kagerou Daze."

...AND TO EVERYONE IT CAPTURES, IT SHOWS HIDEOUS NIGHT-MARES.
IT SWALLOWS UP GROUPS OF PEOPLE JUST AS THEY'RE FACE-TO-FACE WITH DEATH...
THE VICTIMS ARE FORCED TO WANDER THROUGH THESE HELL-SCAPES...
...AND ONLY ONE OF THEM IS ALLOWED TO ESCAPE BACK TO THE OUTSIDE... AS IF THEY'VE BEEN CHOSEN FOR IT.
AND WHEN THEY DO, THEY GET... A PARTING GIFT.
IT'S A BIZARRE KIND OF... PHENOME-NON.
ONE WE'VE BEEN PURSUING FOR AGES NOW.

As Hibiya searches for the missing Hiyori, a mysterious girl approaches him. Using her ability to impart memories and emotions directly into anyone she wants, she reveals the truth behind the Kagerou Daze. She fears a snake with the "clearing eyes" ability is attempting to unite all the snakes that gave the rest of this group their own eerie skills into a single entity—and now it might be here, in the "worst possible form."

When Kano and Momo do find Hiyori, the scene is like something out of their worst nightmares: Hiyori, covered in blood, standing in front of a lifeless Kido. As he carries the fainted Momo back, Kano tells Ene about the lives of the Mekakushi-dan and how the snake has affected all of them.

After awakening to their skills, Kido, Kano, and Seto spent their early years at a juvenile home. Ayaka, a researcher studying the Medusa myths of the past, decided to adopt the three of them, making them siblings to her own daughter, Ayano. So began a new family—and a new tragedy...

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UH...

UH, WHAT'RE YOU DOING, SIS?

I'M BLIND-FOLDING HIM, OBVI-OUSLY!

PERFECT!

THAT'LL DO GREAT.

PAN (CLAP)

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KOUSUKE SAID IT'S EMBARRASSING WHEN HIS SKILL ACTIVATES AND HIS EYES GO RED...

...SO I FIGURED WE COULD JUST HIDE HIS EYES INSTEAD!

BOY, I AM SUCH A GENIUS SOMETIMES!

YOU'RE GONNA DO THAT EVERY TIME HIS SKILL GOES OFF...?

YEAH, AND IT'S KIND OF POINTLESS TO BLINDFOLD HIM AFTER THE FACT, ISN'T IT?

HMM, MAYBE...

HMM...

MM-HMM...

KOUSUKE! THINK YOU CAN LIVE WITH THAT BLINDFOLD ON FOREVER !?

KURURI (SPIN)

UM, NO!?

SHURU (PEEL)

...HEY, WHY DO YOU WANNA HIDE YOUR EYES IN THE FIRST PLACE?

'COS I THINK HAVING YOUR EYES TURN RED IS PRETTY COOL.

...THERE'S NOTHING "COOL" ABOUT IT.

BEING DIFFERENT CREEPS PEOPLE OUT. THEY CALL ME A MONSTER AND STUFF...

REALLY? IT DOESN'T CREEP ME OUT...

WELL, IT DOES FOR MOST, OKAY?

THAT'S WHY WE CAN HARDLY EVER GO OUT.

SU (SSK)

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UM...?

BA (BOOM)

YOU KNOW HOW SUPERHEROES ON TV ARE ALWAYS WEARING RED, RIGHT?

LOOK!

THOSE "RED EYE" SKILLS YOU ALL HAVE...

I BET THEY'RE MEANT FOR HELPING PEOPLE TOO!

WHAT KIND OF NONSENSE IS THAT...?

...OOH. I LIKE THAT.

GUESS I NEVER REALLY THOUGHT OF IT THAT WAY.

WHA ...!?

BUT...

...MAYBE IF I START THINKING THAT WAY...IT'LL HELP ME GET STRONGER.

Y-YOU TOO, SETO...?

OOH!

I'M GLAD YOU FEEL ME, TSUBOMI-KUN!

DUNNO WHY IT GETS YOU SO WORKED UP, THOUGH.

BA (FLAP)

RIGHT! SO, AS OF TODAY...

...I HEREBY DECLARE THE FORMATION OF THE MEKAKUSHI-DAN!

"MEKAKUSHI-DAN"...?

KACHA CLICK

"EVIL" ...?

KIND OF VAGUE, THERE...

RIGHT! YOU KEEP YOUR IDENTITIES A SECRET SO YOU'RE NOT DISCOVERED ...

...BUT WHEN THE TIME COMES, YOU ACTIVATE YOUR EYES AND FIGHT AGAINST EVIL!

MOM!

IF THAT'S THE PLAN, YOU'RE GONNA NEED SOME OUTFITS, WON'TCHA?

WHOA!

YOU CAN HIDE YOUR EYES WITH THESE HOODIES. IT'LL MAKE YOU LOOK MORE LIKE A SECRET SOCIETY TOO!

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PA (FWOOSH)

C'MON, LET'S ALL BE ON THE TEAM.

IT'LL BE A LOT OF FUN, Y'KNOW?

HUH?

HERE!

THIS ONE'S YOURS, SHUUYA.

KYA (GIDDY)
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KYA
きゃっ

UMM...

YEAH, KANO! YOU OUGHTA JOIN US!

DO IT.

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WAKU (GIDDY)
わく
WAKU
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WAKU
UH...
UGHH...
...OKAY.
JUST FOR A WHILE, THOUGH.
PA (GLEAM)
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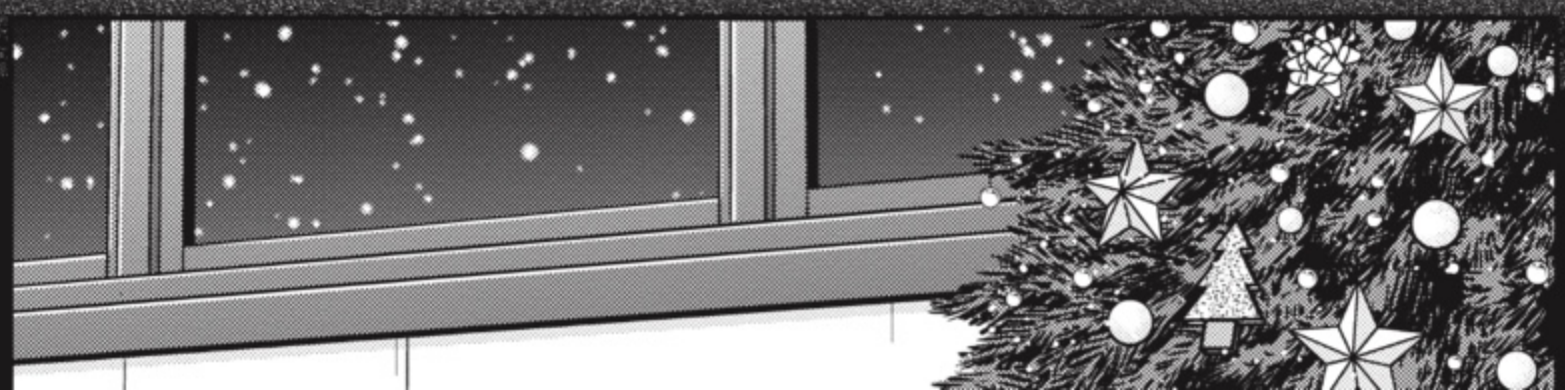
HUH!? THAT'S WHAT THIS TEAM DOES!?
YEAH!!
WE GOTTA PATROL THE NEIGHBOR-HOOD!
GREAT! TIME FOR OUR FIRST MISSION!



WE WEREN'T RELATED BY BLOOD OR ANYTHING...

I GUESS THOSE MIGHT HAVE BEEN THE HAPPIEST TIMES OF OUR LIVES.

"I NEVER WANT THIS TO END."

...BUT IT WAS LIKE, "WOW, THIS IS WHAT A FAMILY'S REALLY LIKE.

...I REALLY FELT THAT WAY.

MIIN (BUZZ)

MIIN

MIIN

MIIN

MIIN

The number you have dialed...

...is currently unavailable.

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GUSU (SNIFF)

IT JUST WON'T GO THROUGH ...

WELL, IT DID ONCE... I'M SURE HE'S OKAY.

YEAH, BUT...

...WHY DID KOUSUKE JUST RUN OFF LIKE THAT...?

HE SAID HE WAS "IN THE FOREST" EARLIER.

SETO'S LOST CONTROL OF HIS ABILITY PRETTY BAD RIGHT NOW...

HE'S PROBABLY TRYING TO RUN FROM ALL THE INTERNAL VOICES HE'S HEARING.

IF IT'S THAT HARD ON HIM, I WISH WE COULD'VE TALKED ABOUT IT...

"IF I START HEARING WHAT EVERYONE IN THIS HOUSE REALLY THINKS...

"...IT JUST MAKES ME SO SCARED..."

JUST BECAUSE WE'RE FAMILY...

...DOESN'T MEAN WE CAN TALK ABOUT EVERYTHING.

HUH...?

I KNOW YOU THINK OUR SKILLS ARE "COOL" AND ALL, SIS...

...BUT THEY'RE STRANGE, PLAIN AS THAT.

IF WE DON'T GET THEM FIXED, I DON'T THINK WE'LL EVER BE HAPPY.

SHUUYA ...

BA (GRAB)

...!

...IT'S GONNA BE OKAY!

I'M GONNA DO EVERYTHING I CAN AS YOUR SISTER...

...TO MAKE SURE ALL OF US CAN BE HAPPY.

SO NO MATTER WHAT'S WAITING UP AHEAD...

...YOUR SISTER'S GONNA BE RIGHT HERE FOR YOU, OKAY?

SIS...

JII (STARE)

AH!

HAAH...

SETO'S BACK.

I JUST SAW HIM.

REALLY!?

WHAT'RE YOU HOLDING HER HANDS FOR...?

HUH!?

N-NO, I...

PA (FWIP)

BATA (SCAMPER)

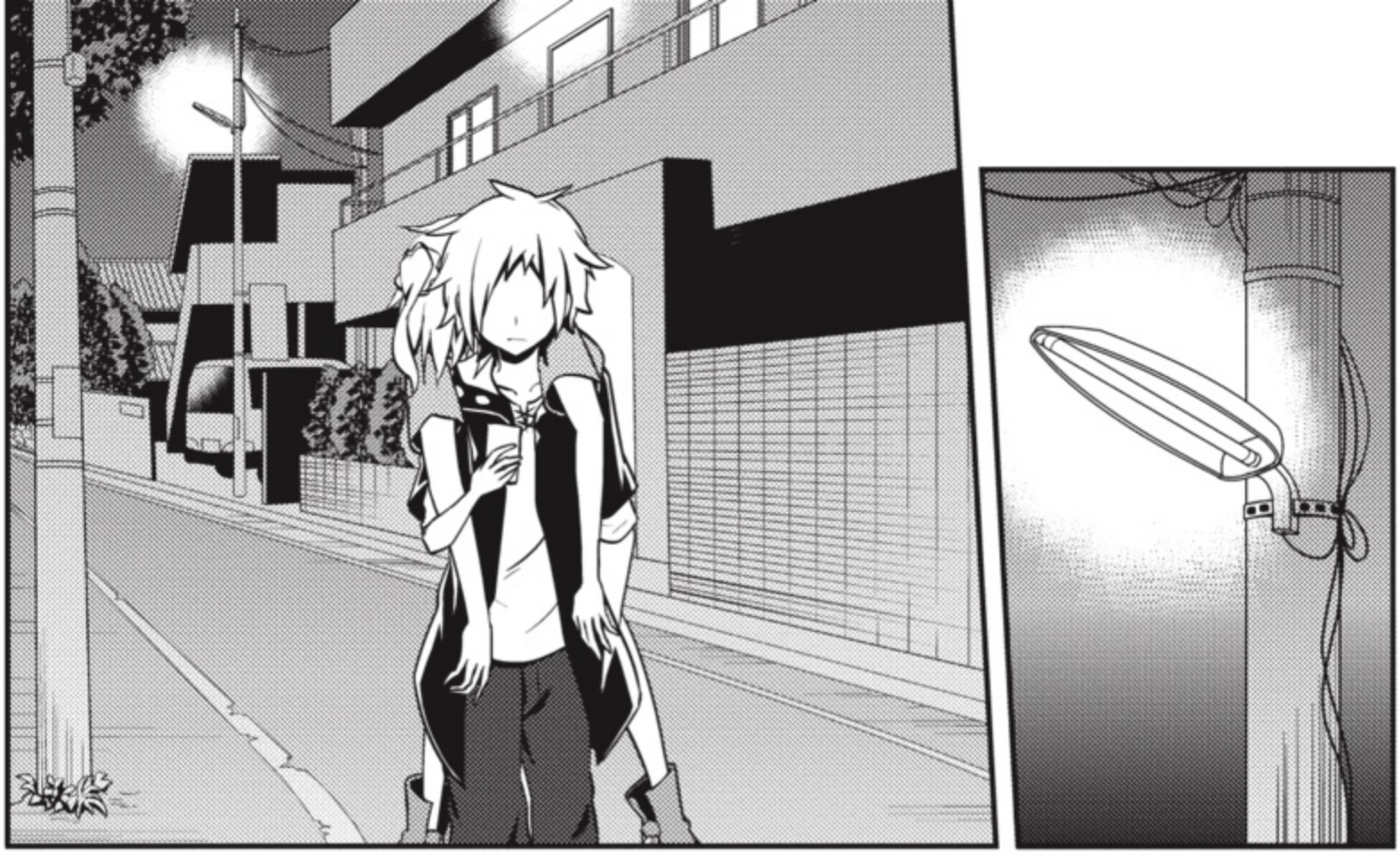
BATA

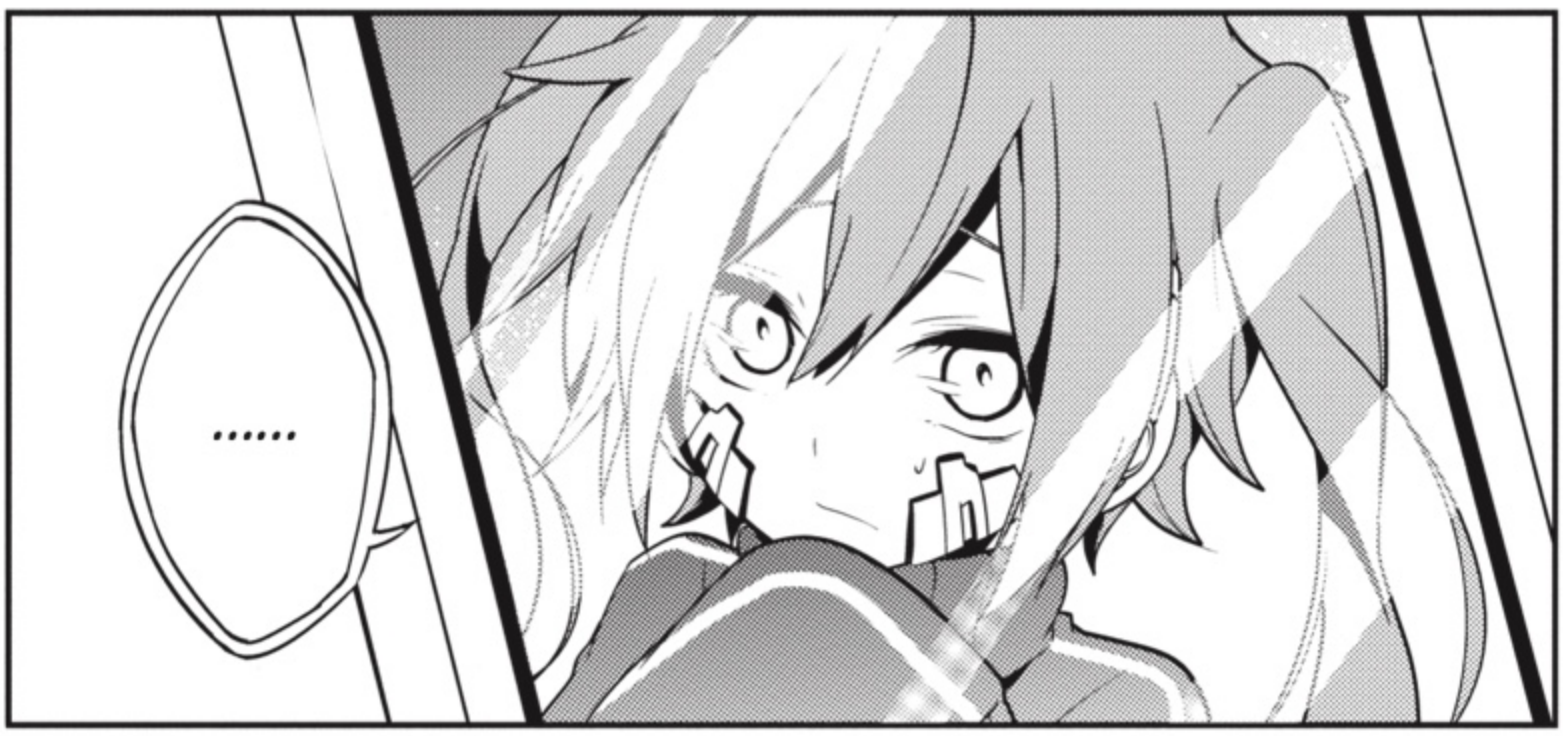
BATA

WHA ...?

WHAT KIND OF GIRL...?

HE BROUGHT SOME GIRL ALONG TOO.

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WELL ...
...RIGHT ABOUT THEN IS WHEN IT ALL STARTED.
SO...
...WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU GUYS AFTER THAT?

WHEN ME AND MY FAMILY...

...STARTED FALLING APART.

HEY! MOMO...!

ZO (SHIVER)

WHOA.

YOU SURE GOT HERE FAST...

TA (TMP)

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TA

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WHAT IS IT...?

...HUH.

YOU'RE STILL ALIVE...

...SIS?